

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A protective cover for a boat having a tee-top comprising:
  - a blank of flexible material having a plurality of peripheral edges, a notch located along one of said peripheral edges, a tee-top frame receiving aperture, a releasable fastener extending between said notch and said tee-top frame receiving aperture, and a channel extending along said peripheral edges between either side of said notch;
  - a drawstring running through said channel; and
  - a plurality of fastening devices attached around the edge of said tee-top frame receiving aperture.
2. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said drawstring has opposed ends exposed at said notch whereby said opposed ends of the drawstring can be fastened together.
3. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said releasable fastener is a zipper.
4. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said aperture is substantially shaped to receive a supporting framework of said tee-top.
5. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said fastening devices are located on an edge adjacent to said aperture, wherein each said fastening device has two flexible straps, each

said strap having one end attached to said edge adjacent to said aperture and a fastener element attached at the opposite end, said fastener elements releasably coupling said straps.

6. A protective cover for a boat having a tee-top comprising:

a blank of flexible material substantially shaped like a perimeter of a hull of a boat, said blank having a plurality of peripheral edges;

a tee-top receiving opening located within the interior of said blank;

a notch located along one of said peripheral edges;

a slit through said blank of flexible material extending between said notch and said opening;

means for releasably fastening said blank of flexible material together along either edge of said slit;

a channel extending around said blank of flexible material to either side of said notch;

a tie cord extending through said channel; and

means for fastening said blank of flexible material to said tee-top around said tee-top receiving opening.

7. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said blank of flexible material is vinyl or canvas.

8. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said blank of flexible material has a left and right peripheral edge of the same length and being longer than a third peripheral edge.

9. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said channel is formed by a hem of said blank of flexible material at said peripheral edges.

10. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said channel is formed by sewing a separate sleeve along said peripheral edges of said blank of flexible material.

11. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said tie cord includes opposite ends exposed at said notch so said opposite ends of said tie cord can be fastened together.

12. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said means for releasably fastening said blank of flexible material together along said slit is a zipper.

13. The protective cover of claim 6, wherein said means for fastening said blank of flexible material to said tee-top around said tee-top receiving opening are straps attached to said blank of flexible material, said straps having mating buckles to form a loops, said loops fastening around a frame of said tee-top.

14. A method of installing a protective cover on a boat with a tee-top comprising the steps of:

providing a protective cover having a plurality of peripheral edges, a notch located along one of said peripheral edges, a tee-top receiving aperture, a releasable fastener

extending between said tee-top frame receiving aperture and said notch, a channel extending along said peripheral edges between either side of said notch, a drawstring running through said channel, and a plurality of fastening devices located adjacent to said aperture, said releasable fastener being in an open position;

attaching said fastening devices to said tee-top;

placing said protective cover over said boat such that said peripheral edges of said cover extend over a rub rail of said boat;

closing said releasable fastener between said tee-top receiving aperture and said notch; and

tying the opposite ends of said drawstring together such that said peripheral edges of said cover are cinched snugly against a hull of said boat.